GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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SHORTAGE OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT IN COAST GUARD
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Coast Guard is facing shortage of ships and aircraft to perform their statutory duties and no project of acquisition of ships or aircraft was sanctioned during 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the reasons, if any, identified therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Government have approved a Development Plan for the Coast Guards for 5 years viz. 1997 to 2000 which inter-alia includes induction of 15 ships and 13 aircraft. Orders for the acquisition of 11 ships and 7 aircraft have already been placed. The acquisition of 7 Dornier Aircraft was approved during 1999-2000.